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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12 Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30 Cornhill, GOUVENIR & CORON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. PARKS HANCOCK & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WHITBURN, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 153, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDEZEE PRINCE, 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEXT.—J. STEWART HAPPER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts generally.—BRAN & BLAUK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

GEYTON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY CO., Colombo.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$8,168,002.50
Reserve Fund, \$3,482,127.20
Reserve Liability of \$8,163,002.60
Provisions, \$8,163,002.60

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—H. L. DALKEYTH, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
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Headquarters, T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai, JOHN WALTON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 6 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 23, 1890. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent, per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent, per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$583,000.

LONDON:
Head Office, 49, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 23, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLOMBIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit,

Fees and Bills of Exchange, Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent, per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

On CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent, per annum on the Daily Balance.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1890. 1362

Intimations.

COMPANIA MARÍTIMA ASIÁTICA
MEXICANA.

OFFICE No. 18, Queen's Road Central
—Ground Floor.

O. VOGEL,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1516

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES
CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.

CAPITAL 4 MILLION FRANCS.

A EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
will take place at Hongkong, on the
3rd September, 1890, at the Registered
Office, in Victoria Buildings, at Noon, 12
o'clock.

Orders of the Day.

1.—Issue of 6,000 Doubloons Bonds of 100
Hundred Dollars each.

2.—AUTHORIZATION of Hypothecating the
Property of the Society.

3.—Modifications of the Articles of Associa-
tion.

Owners of at least 20 Shares to bear in
order to have the right to attend the above
Meeting, will have to deposit them at the
Company's Office, not later than the 23rd
August, and will receive in exchange a card
of admission.

By Order of the Board,
C. GEORG,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 20, 1890. 1460

ROUYER, GUILLET & Cie,
COGNAC, France.

For Ten Years

THE LARGEST SHIPPERS
of

BULK

BRANDY.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS DIRECT
AS TO

LONDON BRANCH.

ROUYER, GUILLET & Co.,

59, Mark Lane, London, E.C.

14th August, 1890. 1443

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY General MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS of THE BALMORAL
GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be
held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Victoria, in
the Colony of Hongkong, at 3 o'clock p.m., on
SATURDAY, the 6th day of September, 1890, when the subjoined Resolutions, which
were passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company, held on the 21st
day of August, 1890, will be submitted for
Confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—That the Capital of THE BALMORAL GOLD
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, be increased from \$100,000 to \$180,000 by the
creation of Three Thousand New Shares of \$10 each, to be fully paid-up.

2.—That the said New Shares be, in the
first instance, allotted to those Shareholders
whose names shall appear on the Register of Shareholders of the said
Company on the 1st day of September
next (and who shall be on or before the
16th day of September next apply for
the same to be allotted to them), in the
proportion of one New Share for every
old Share held by them, but that no
Shareholder shall be entitled to claim
that any fractional part of any New
Share be allotted to him.

3.—That all New Shares not applied for by
such Shareholders within the timeaforesaid
be disposed of and allotted by the
Directors in such manner as they shall
think fit.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 22, 1890. 1476

KUHN & CO.,

JAPANESE AND CHINESE
FINE ART DEPOT.

21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, July 21, 1890. 1299

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-First Ordinary MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the Head
Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURS-
DAY, the 11th Proximo, at 4 o'clock p.m., for
the purpose of presenting the Report of
the Directors and Statement of Accounts to
30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 29th Instant to
the 11th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 10, 1890. 1455

WINDSOR HOUSE,
HONGKONG,
No. 8, Queen's Road Central.

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE,

AND FAMILY HOTEL.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BATAVIA, FROM
VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE
AND NAGASAKI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery of
their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

MILLS IN GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERS
CONTINENTAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN.

MR. BOHM,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, August 20, 1890. 1998

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Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1890. 1362

Intimations.

DIOCESAN HOME & ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be RESUMED on

MONDAY, September 1st.

For Terms for Boarders or Day-scholars,
apply to

THE HEADMASTER.

Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1518

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION,
HONGKONG.

Captain SAMUEL ASHTON—President.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

MEETINGS of this Association will be
held at the MARINE HOTEL, Praya

West, EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY,
at 8.30 p.m.

CHESNEY DUNCAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, August 16, 1890. 1456

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 5 PER CENT. por
Share for the Six Months ended 30th
June, 1890, declared at Monday's Ordinary
Half-Yearly Meeting will be PAYABLE at
the Premises of the HONGKONG AND

Entertainments.

GARRISON THEATRE,
NORTH BARRACKS.
MILITARY MUMMERS
will give
TWO PERFORMANCES
of TOM TAYLOR'S DRAMA OF
"THE TICKET-OF-LEAVES MAN,"
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY,
1st and 3rd September, 1890.

Doors open at 8.30. Performance at 9 p.m.
FANS & PUNKAHs provided.
Tickets—Reserved Seats (numbered) \$1.
First Seats 50 Cents. Can be obtained from Sup'ler, J. C. WATSON, Commis-
sariat Building.

Hongkong, August 29, 1890. 1522

Intimations.

DEPARTMENTY.
FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist.
(FORMERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS.)

AT the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-
pied by Dr. ROBERTS.

NOW HAS
R. E. M. O. F. D.
81, DA GUILAR STREET,
behind HONGKONG CLUB.

CONSULTATION FREE.
Hongkong, January 18, 1890. 1522

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CHINA
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,
via YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU,
on THURSDAY, 1st September, 1890,
at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight
for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japanese
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Indian Oceans, via United States, via
Overland Telegraph to Havana, Trinidad,
and Panama, and to ports in Mexico,
Central and South America, by the Com-
pany's connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows—

To San Francisco ... \$225.00

To San Francisco and return, } 393.75
available for 6 months }
To Liverpool ... 35.00

To London ... 39.00

To other European points at proportion-
ate rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Passenger by this Line have the option
of proceeding Overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific,
Northern Pacific, or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance
does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Cosmopolitan Invitations to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1890. 1470

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND AUSTRALIA.

N. B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship
PEKIN, Captain P. HARRIS, will be despatched
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY and
SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, 4th
September, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo
for London will be conveyed on Board
without transhipment, arriving one week
later than by the ordinary direct route via
Colombo. Tea will be sent either via
Bombay or Colombo, according to arrangement.

For further particulars regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packets are
required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the
Company's Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their bag-
gage can do so on application at the
Company's Office.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers
for MANCHESTER.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, August 23, 1890. 1486

Occidental and Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamer BELGIC will be
despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on THURSDAY, September
16th, 1890, at 1 p.m., connection being
made at Yokohama, with Steamers from
Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received
at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows—

To San Francisco ... \$225.00

To San Francisco and return, } 393.75
available for 6 months }
To Liverpool ... 325.00

To London ... 330.00

To other European points at proportion-
ate rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Passenger by this Line have the option
of proceeding Overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific,
Northern Pacific, or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Passenger who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance
does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Cosmopolitan Invitations to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Offices, addressed to the Col-
leger of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 25, 1890. 1493

To-day's Advertisements.

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHIANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Stenor,

Capt. HUTCHINSON, will be
despatched as above TO.

MORROW, the 3rd Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 30, 1890. 1532

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Nanow,

Captain L. COOK, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on TUESDAY, the 2nd September, at
11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 30, 1890. 1531

CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY'S
DEBENTURE LOAN OF 1886.

8th DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE AND DRAWN BONDS
of this LOAN will be payable at the
OFFICES of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION on and after the
1st day of September, 1890. Lists of
DRAWN BONDS can be obtained on applica-
tion to the Undersigned.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
Agents Issuing the Loan,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 30, 1890. 1529

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE OFFICES of the above Company
are THIS DAY REMOVED TO—
No. 2, Queen's Road, Central, G.

(Late ORIENTAL BANK PREMISES)—
Fire Floor.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 30, 1890. 1530

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
the Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ASHVILLA, British barque, Capt. Wm. W.
Lury,—Siamese & Co.

ESCORT American barque, Captain Robt.
Lyle,—Chitons.

J. D. BISCHOF, German ship, Capt. H.
Meyer.—Mecklenburg & Co.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
C H E M I S T R Y .

VINOLIA SOAP,
FOR TOILET, NURSERY AND BATH.

ONLY Natural Soap—cleaning without
shriving Skin, Hair and Nails.

Not coloured, rendered transparent, or
otherwise "dordored."

Contains extra cream, instead of "biting
alkalis." The Soap prescribed by leading
consultants.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon.

Soap will be received on board until 4
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 5 p.m. on
the 27th Instant, 1890. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be sent at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required
to be declared prior to shipment.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 20, 1890. 1527

To-day's Advertisements.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE
UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamer BATAVIA,
2,553 Tons Register, Capt. WILLIAM
SON, will be despatched for VANCOUVER,
B.C., via AMOY, SHANGHAI, KOBE
(via INLAND SEA), and YOKOHAMA,
on THURSDAY, the 4th September, at
Noon.

To be followed by the S.S. ABYSSINIA,
1,700 Tons Register, Capt. J. E. BROWN,
on THURSDAY, September 11th, 1890.

Connection will be made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast
Points, by the regular Steamers of the
PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY and
other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows—

To Vancouver & Victoria (incl.) \$210.00

To Montreal, New York, &c. 193.00

To Liverpool ... 325.00

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THE CHINA MAIL.

A suggestion has been made that Ancona and Lorraine be converted into a neutral state, under a Habsburgian as Governor, in order that a complete chain of neutral States be formed from Italy to the North Sea, and also to remove one great cause of militarism in Germany and France.

A trial has been made at Civita Vecchia of a naval hull invented by an Italian naval officer. It is seven feet in diameter and holds four persons. When it is closed it is light and is steered and propelled under water, by a rudder and screw. It has windows and grapplers, and may be useful in fishing up objects and also for destructive purposes.

It is said that the Admiralty authorities propose to take away Zaiger from the Indian naval command, and appoint a commodore to look after British interests in East African waters. If this is so, the Indian squadron will, for the future, be confined to Indian waters, and we may expect to see men-of-war much more frequently in the ports of Burma than we do at present.—*Rangoon Gazette*.

This news of the murder of Mr. Barrs by Achinou at Edi has been disproved by his appearance in Dali on the 14th instant. He left Achinou did attempt his life by firing at him when he was at dinner, but the bullet was missed. The would-be assassins fled and went to Edi, where they boasted of having taken Mr. Barr's life. On their flight Mr. Barr fell three times at them, killing one and wounding two more.—*Strait Times*.

A novel application of the idea of execution by electricity has been patented by a Parisian. It is designed to put a speedy end to animals, and all manner of noxious, crawling, or flying creatures. A trap, in the form of a cage, is made of steel wires, arranged in pairs, forming the positive and negative conductors. The victim, in seeking the bait in the trap, comes into contact with the wires; the circuit is closed, and instantaneous death follows. What we want next is a trap to catch mosquitoes.

THIS POPULATION OF FRANCE.—Pursuing his researches into the state of the population in France, M. Legrence, at the last meeting of the Académie des Sciences, stated that the number of marriages is decreasing, and that the proportion now is not more than seven in the 1,000, while the average age of those marrying is thirty for men and twenty-five for women. People residing in towns marry later than those in the country, while out of 1,000 men over twenty there are only 570 married in Paris and 609 for the whole of France. Births also continue to decrease, there being last year only one to every forty-two inhabitants, while in the large towns the births are proportionately fewer than in the country; out of 100 married women between the ages of fifteen and forty-five there are annually only nineteen births, while the number of illegitimate children born, which is as much as 28 per cent. of the whole in the large cities, is also decreasing. M. Legrence attributes this voluntary limitation of offspring to the desire of the parents to make ample provision for the children which they do have. With regard to mortality, the average number of deaths has increased from nineteen to twenty-two per 1,000 within the last few years, the mortality among young children being nearly 17 per cent. The rate of the last thirty or forty years have also had a great effect upon the mortality. 35,615 men having perished in the Crimea, while the war with Germany and the Commune insurrection entailed a loss of nearly 400,000, while cholera, yellow fever, typhus, and consumption have killed off as many thousands in the colonial stations. The excess of births over deaths is little more than one in 1,000 as against 137 per 1,000 in England, 10 per 1,000 in Germany, and 12·9 per 1,000 in Russia. This slow rate of increase compared to that of the other great nations would, in the course of half a century, place France in a very disadvantageous position, and M. Legrence intends to indicate at the next meeting what he considers may be done to accelerate the process.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That cool breezes and bathing-parties are taking us well through the summer.

That although the Chinese prophecy bad weather before the typhoon season comes, on the score of some similarity between this season and that of 1874, there is nothing whatever to justify such a notion.

That speaking of meteorology, the Time-Ball at the Observatory is again at work, after nearly eight months' holiday.

That no public notices whatever appear to be given of the erratic movements of this time-marker, although the Ball is one of the most important features of the Observatory.

That Mr. Chadwick has gone to London, where he will act as Consulting Engineer for the Water and Drainage works now in progress here.

That it is to be hoped that his successor will get that fair play which Mr. Chadwick asked, because upon that seemed to be based the successful completion of the works.

That the worst feature of the long vacation of Dr. Du Chulli's Gorilla only carried a walking stick, while Mr. Stanley's chimpanzee of the dark forest carries a light on its nocturnal excursions.

That it would be interesting to know how he struck his first light.

That his advance in civilisation is a direct confirmation of Darwin's theory of evolution.

That it is a pity the somewhat harmless exorcism, the Duke, was not invented in his time.

That in spite of his profound wisdom, Darwin was somewhat given to fantastic deductions.

That the retrograde movement of the Duke towards his small brother the Chimpanzee would have tickled Darvin, as conclusive evidence in an 'inverse ratio' of his pot theory.

That Mr. Stanley, after many banquets, is reported to have been suffering from gastritis.

That the great explorer should have escaped all the dangers and difficulties of African travel only to succumb to English cookery, strangely marks the 'irony of fate.'

Mr. D. Gillies proposed the re-election

of the Hon. C. P. Chater as a director.

Mr. R. K. Leigh seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodin proposed the re-election of Mr. W. H. Ray as a director.

Mr. Judd seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. D. Gillies, Messrs. A. W. Maitland and F. Henderson were re-elected auditors.

This concluded the meeting.

Hughes and J. F. C. da Rosa retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.

Audit.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. J. H. Cox and H. T. S. Green.

D. McCULLOCH, Chairman.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1890.

BALANCE SHEET, 20th June, 1890.

Hotel property on hand, £1,000, No. 5, and on the remaining portion of marine lot, £305,000. Furniture account, as per last report, £31,863.10.

Less written off profit and loss, £1,733.10.

£10,000.00 as per last report.

£100,000.00 as per last report.

£10

I.—IN CHINA.

Now is the sunlight fading in the west,
Swift over the long Concession shadowed;
The hands are lit, and at my Bay's best
Sadly I get me to my evening meal.
There—while the pink flickers overhead,
And noisily disturbs the silence of the room,
Save buzz of insects and Ah-Sin's soft
trill—
Another hardened chicken meets his doom.

'Tis Sunday night—to-morrow morning
brings more.
Another week of Sleepy Hollow life
Where recreation centres in the things
That Mr. Bauder says of J-mie's wife;
Another week—ah, I see no ray
Of hope at hand, no prospect of reprieve,
The Consul's wife on Thursday has her
day!
On Saturday 'the Customs' will receive!

Oh, for the wings of Arid to soar
Far from Cathay, if only for a while,
For a short breathing space to save us more
Of foreign fictions or of futile pride;
To leave no vicious similes behind,
To hear no more Confucian theories,
To catch a breath of fragrance in the wind
From shores that know no garlic, cash, or
squeezes!

Give me a day on England's cliff-lined
shores—
Cornwall or Devon—and there let me lie,
Drinking the music of the surges' roar,
And I'll watch the sea birds as they fly;
There let me dream some wretched beaten-tar,
Dryng his well-worn tunic in the sun,
And glean quaint memories of lands afar
With stirring tales of bygone deeds well
done.

Give me the scent of clover and the hum
Of distant hay fields, where the patient
team
Standsneath the growing load while child-
ren come
With shout and song—or by the quiet
stream,
Where as a boy I strolled, let me pry
In half-forgotten, though unchanged, nooks
Where trout on summer days were wont
to lie,
And I to fish, and pore o'er well-loved
books.

Give me the haunts of men, the busy street,
The eager march towards progress of the
free;
Where life is not alone to sleep and eat,
And all that has been, type of what must
be—
But no, a truce to dreams! The watch-
man's din
Comes in its harshest, old spasmic way,
Useless to fight with Fate. I'll tumble in
And bear to-morrow's ill as best I may.

II.—IN ENGLAND

I've still a year of leave to spend—
I wish I knew the reason why
It over struck me to apply
For two—I know a gushing friend
Told me the grieves we exile bore
Were all repaid on England's shore.

Perhaps my liver isn't what
It used to be in youthful days;
The father of half-pay's
A deal too short—it matters not;
I've had enough of leave and play,
Give me back harness and Cathay!

Ah, China! send one sunny day
To cheer us in this land of fog,
One day, that I may wear the tugs
I bought to don last year in May;
I swear this wretched, ceaseless rain
Is playing havoc with my brain.

Mild-eyed Ah Sin! how very small
They biggest squeezes now appear,
When contemplating them from here
Where 'tips' are clambered for by all;
Thine absence is a frequent pain;
I love thee more than Mary Jane?

Ah, couldst thou see my pain, my woes,
Whene'er I fix the needed stuf,
Couldst thou mark me brush the mud
From buttonholes, untidy clothes;
Couldst thou observe no brewing tea,
Celestial, thou wouldst pity me.

And then the seasons galling yoke
That British matrons have agreed
To place upon the soothed waste—
The way I'm poster'd when I smoke
Prompts me to take my pipe and book
And pass my mornings with the cook.

It irritates me too to think
That I must carry o'er about,
And when I buy things, pay it out
Upon the sordid counter's brink,
Better the shroff till fat-pau bust
Than such an utter lack of trust.

Another thing that tends to rile
A man who thinks he really knows
True comfort, is the way his clothes
Have got to be the latest style;
Take my top-hat, my patent boots,
And let me wear my flannel suits!

No, give me back the shining East,
The cool of my verandah shade,
The little comforts that have made
Me such an idle, fussy boat.
England, keep on; no doubt Cathay
Is right—but give me back Cathay,

"TUNG CHIA" in Chinese Times.

SIR JOHN'S CHEF.

Ladies who have known the delights of
sitting on the box-seat of an Epsom drag
will remember that, on the return journey,
as the horses were awakening the echoes of
shady Fulham, their charioteer would point
with his whip towards a high wall of
ancient brick and say, "That's Sir
John Peyton's place." No, you can't see
the house, it's gone too thick; very old
place, though; but in the family
since the time of Richard III; lot of
passages, you know, in twisted staircases,
three or four doors in every room, steps
everywhere, and all that sort of thing.
No; Sir John ain't a sporting man, I
never saw him at a first night. Don't
think he can be the Peyton that does "At
the Kophole" for Peeping Tom; but I'll tell
you what—he gives a chap the best feed
he can get in London, or in Paris either.
Been there myself; fifteen courses; best
dinner I ever had in my life. Distressing?
Not at all; felt as if I could begin all over
again, don't you know? Then the horn
would sound again, and the conversation
would pass on to the new burlesque or the
latest "society" novel, if the coachman
changed to be a student of these severer
literary topics. But such was Sir John
Peyton's fame in London. His dinners
were admitted to be unapproachable; gentlemen
who had devoted their whole lives
(and incomes) to the physiology of dining,
and had proclaimed that Brillat Savarin was
great, and that "Francois" or "Robert,"
was his prophet, according to the clubs or
restaurants which they frequented, were
forced to admit after dining with Sir John
that, while Francois and Robert had
talents, Sir John's chef was a genius. "It
isn't cookery," said Winton, the great
diner-out, "it's inspiration. I could
order Cailles sautes au vin de Monts
Puttano—at the Globe, Trotter's or
Granfrazzo's, and they might send up a nice
dish enough; but that fellow of Sir John's
isn't a cook at all; he gives you a romance,
and puts it on a silver dish." And once,
when that famous epicure, Field-Marshal

Sir Patrick Fitzgerald, late of the H. E. L.
S., dined with Sir John Peyton, his host
so far as the host cook in Paris. But Sir
John gave a first though courteous denial
to this and all similar applications; his
chef, he said, was nobly. Winton had
offered a cool five hundred for the receipt to
make that wonderful hors-d'oeuvre Soumon,
mariné aux herbes Espagnole, in vain;
and the Duchess of Brabant had written
a dozen fruitless letters addressed to Mme.
Maison le Chef, at first offering him the
command of her kitchen with the salary of
an Ambassador, and the treasures of a
prince, and finally imploring him to name
his own terms for the receipt for his Soumon
à la Carte. But Sir John's chef sent up well-known
dishes, transformed by the magic of his art;
but he did more. He created, he invented
hors-d'oeuvres, soups, entrees, sauces, of
which no chef on rotauteur had ever
heard the names; he mingled various
flavours which had never been associated,
and made dishes in which sharp, sweet,
and hot seemed to be contrasted like the
colours on the panels of an old master; and
each course appeared at first as if the
artist had put in all his skill and all his
best materials, and then, as though it
were merely designed to give an appetite
for his successor. "Have you ever dined at
Peyton's?" said Swift, the critic, to Scov.
the dramatic author. "No?" Then by all
means, by fire or fraud, secure an invitation.
A dinner there is an opus poem; it is
not a dinner at all, it is thought in its
highest form. Throughout it there surges
a kind of fatal consistency; each course
appears inevitably destined to occupy
its particular place. The chef of the French
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bribed the lady's maid, but with no
result. Her husband, a grey old noble
man fond of whist and the ways of peace,
had been induced to lend himself to her
plots, and had actually condescended to
give Sir John's man a standing invitation
to drink Burgundy with his butler; but the
valet, as cautious as courteous, never came.
Lady St. Polpy waited, and at last her
husband arrived. She was "taking off"
her "dresses" (a term which includes much
loosening and tweaking of recalcitrant locks
of hair) and a good many efforts of the lady
to set up her back in a glass, darkly
in one of the numerous bed-rooms of Sir John
Peyton's house at Fulham, to let the
ambassador go to the drawing-room, preparatory
to going down to the ballroom, when
suddenly a brilliant idea struck her. There
were three doors in the room besides the
one by which she had entered. Why not
try one of them and endeavor to make her
way to the kitchen, and personally interview
the famous chef? It was easy to say
she had lost her way, and mistaking the
door, and so on; nobody could say anything;
people often made mistakes in
these queer old houses. With an unerring
instinct Lady St. Polpy chose the door by
the bed, opened it, and descended a dark
and winding stair. A subtle odour of rare
sauces led her right, and in a few minutes
she was in the kitchen. There was the
great chef with his back towards her;
calm, with the certainty of victory, a Wellington
of the kitchen, he stood by a stove
cunningly manipulating some wondrous
dishes, she had even sent him presents;
she had panned Sir John; she had
in white jacket and apron, with spotless
face.

Let the reader consider this while we
relate an episode in the humble career of a
Signalman, Andrew Aggo, who may be
found on duty in his box at Culgarth, a
little station on the Midland, twenty-three
miles south of Carlisle.

Mr. Aggo is on duty nearly every day,
and must break his fast without leaving
his post. The confinement and mental
strain tell on the system. The strongest
men cannot stand it long without finding
its effects. It makes one think of the
passionate exclamation in Tom Hood's "Song
of the Shirt."

* Oh, God! that bread should be so dear,
And flesh and blood so cheap!

Our friend had been at the same work
for many years, although he was only
thirty-five when these lines were written.
In 1884 he began to feel that he was about
to break down. "I don't know what ails
me," he would say, "but I can't eat." What
he forced down produced no sense of satis-
faction or strength. Sometimes he was
alarmed at finding he could scarcely walk
the end of the road. As the clock in the
neighbouring tower tolled one, he ceased
his now intermitting and sat up and started,
"I wonder where it is now," he said, "I can't
find it." He reached for his pocket book.
"For God's sake let me go for it before I forget it
again!" Here his weakness and exhaustion
overcame him, and he sank back among his
rags, stone dead. Physicians and students
of memory at the great crisis of human
life.

Other features of this ailment were
pains in the chest and sides, costiveness,
yellow skin and eyes, bad taste in the
mouth, ringing of the ears, gas in the throat,
etc. The doctor said Aggo must give up
the confining work or risk utter disability.
He could not. Wife and children were in

the way. So he remained at his post and
grew worse. But his work was always
right, telegrams were properly received and
sent, and no train got into trouble through
any neglect or his. His disease—indigestion
and dyspepsia—took a step further,
and brought on kidney and bladder trouble.
The doctor, at Appleby, said, "Mr. Aggo,
you are poisoned with the foul stuff in your
stomach and blood." His doom seemed to
be sealed. It was like a death warrant.
Six months more rolled by. On duty one
morning he was attacked with so great and
so sharp a distress he could neither sit nor
stand. He says: "I tumbled down on
that locker and lay there all the forenoon.
Signs might be given, the telegraph
needle might click, but I needed them no
more than a man in the grave needs the
beating of the rain against his own tomb-
stone."

He was alone at first, but help arrived,
and the poor signalman was carried home.
Physicians laboured on his case without
avail. Around his bed were his five little
children, the mother being absent in an
institution, to be treated for a serious ail-
ment.

Here he lay for weeks, part of the time
unconscious. Nothing was to be done but
to wait for the end. Then the torpid
faculties awakened for a moment. Memory
flashed up, and he recalled the fact that a
medicine which he had used with benefit years
before, and then thrown aside, was
concealed in a secret place in the signal box.
He sent for it, and took a dose. Soon his
bowels moved, the kidneys acted, the pain
ceased, he felt better. With brightened
hope he sent to Carlisle for more. It
arrived. He used it, and in a few days
the doctors were astonished to find their
patients out of doors, off on the road to
recovery. He regained his health completely,
and in speaking of his experience,
said to the writer, "What a wonderful
thing it was that, on what promised to be
my death-bed, I suddenly remembered
where I had put that half-used bottle of
Mother Soggi's Curative Syrup. That
flash of memory probably saved me from
death."

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D. GILLIES,
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Hongkong, August 25, 1890. 1458

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(To take effect from 1st May.)

WEEK DAYS.
8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.
12 noon. 1 p.m. " " " "
1 p.m. 2 p.m. " half hour.
4 p.m. 8 p.m. " quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.30 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

CHURCH TRAMS at 10.40 a.m.

12 noon to 2 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

4 p.m. 8 p.m. " "

9 p.m., 10 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11 p.m.

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